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April 17, 1936.

Personal and Confidential

Honorable Francis E. Walter,  
House of Representatives,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Congressman:

First, I want to apologize for not having previously acknowledged your very kind letter of April 2nd, but I have been in and out of the city so much in connection with official matters that I have gotten behind in my personal correspondence.

I want you to know that it is very gratifying to me to learn of the action taken by the Judiciary Committee upon the bill which was favorably reported out to that Committee concerning my compensation. Irrespective of whether the bill ever becomes a law, I shall always treasure that evidence of respect and confidence on the part of the Committee. It means more to me to have the confidence and approbation of thinking and sincere citizens than it does to receive monetary reward. Consequently, I value so much the action of the members of the Judiciary Committee of the House.

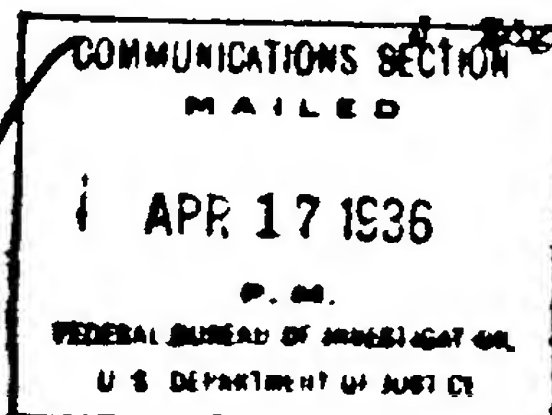
I do hope that you may have the opportunity at some early date to come down to our headquarters here and go through and see first hand the work which we are trying to do in the field of law enforcement. I think that you would be interested in seeing it.

Allow me to take this occasion to express to you my  
Mr. Nathan very deep appreciation of your over-evident interest in the  
Mr. Tolson work which the Federal Bureau of Investigation is trying to do.

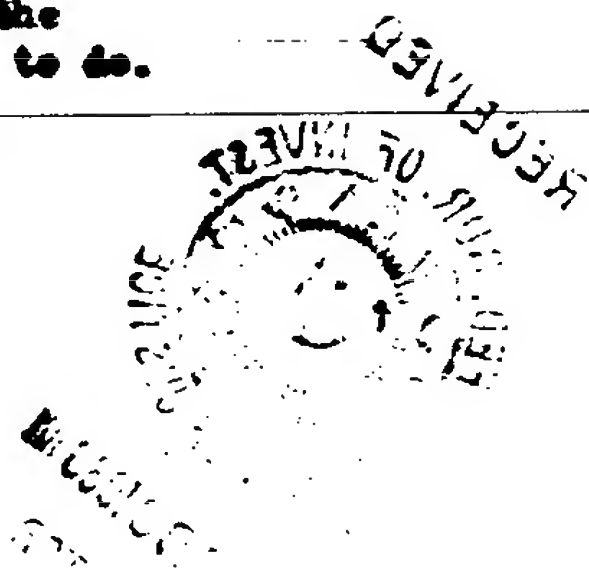
With expressions of my very best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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April 2, 1936.

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover  
 Director  
 Federal Bureau of Investigation  
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

On rare occasions Bills are reported favorably by the Judiciary Committee without contra-argument. Never, however, has a Bill been favorably reported by our Committee where there was such unanimity of approval as that which was expressed Tuesday when we approved the Bill which will to some small degree give concrete evidence of appreciation for your great contribution to the Nation's welfare. Perhaps, I am doing an improper thing in divulging the proceedings at an Executive Session but I feel that I must tell you and I am sure I am voicing the sentiments of the entire Congress and the Nation that our great Government is, indeed, fortunate in having you as one of its servants.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Francis E. Walter*

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John Edgar Hoover

March 17, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HENRY STODOL,  
Special Assistant to the Attorney General

I have received your memorandum of March 17th relative to the inquiry made by the United Press concerning my health. I personally do not see a necessity for the making of any public statement concerning my physical condition. It is a fact that I have been having serious sinus trouble, and am still under treatment for it, but I do not consider that the condition of my health is of sufficient importance to be commented upon by or to the press.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

HENRY BUYDAM  
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Department of Justice  
Washington

March 17, 1936

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Mr. Tracy	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

The United Press has called me several times during the past 24 hours with regard to an item in Walter Winchell's column printed in New York Monday, March 16, and in the Washington Herald on Tuesday, March 17, as follows:

"John Edgar Hoover is very ill after a serious sinus surgery."

The United Press states that it understands that you are suffering from a serious throat affection.

I stated yesterday to the United Press, in response to these inquiries, on my own authority, that I felt quite certain there was nothing to these stories and rumors, that I had been in frequent touch with you and that I felt certain there was no question of serious illness. The United Press asked me, however, to get into touch with you on this subject. I called Mr. Tolson yesterday but was unable to reach him. The United Press is getting quite excited about this and is demanding some sort of response. I would therefore appreciate it if you would advise me what statement, if any, you would desire to have made to the United Press. If you prefer, of course, you might get in direct touch with Mr. Turner at National 9052.

*Henry Suydam*

Henry Suydam,  
Special Assistant to the Attorney General.

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Dear Mr. Quinn:

Did you ever read a more imaginatively concocted piece of work? Couldn't even get routine knowledge correct. Note the paragraph immediately following "Reason of Huff". The "appointment" is so wrong that a fifth-rate country paper would bounce the writer for inaccuracy. Even an accusation should have plausibility in its superficial facts. REC

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# Hoover, G Men Leader, May Resign Post

## Reported in Huff Over Subordination and Recent Reprimand

G-men circles in San Francisco are agog over private reports their chief, J. Edgar Hoover, is threatening to quit in a huff.

Thus far no official hint has reached outside the inner circle of Hoover's intimates, according to information received by Federal circles here.

W. S. Listerman, who trained in Washington under Hoover and recently was brought from New Jersey to head the bureau here, expressed surprise yesterday over the report.

### REASON OF HUFF

Hoover's reported huff is due to the appointment of Joseph H. Keenan, assistant attorney general in charge of crime prosecutions, to the Federal Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice, the post formerly held by Hoover.

The subordination of Hoover to Keenan followed shortly after word reached San Francisco Attorney General Cummings had called Hoover on the carpet for a reputed reprimand as a so-called "publicity hound."

That was about the time the "movies" and the magazines were filled with the exploits of the G-men, featuring Hoover as the outstanding hero.

### "TOO MUCH PUBLICITY"

"Mr. Hoover," the Attorney General said in effect, according to the version reaching high Government circles here, "I want you to realize that I am the head of the Department of Justice. It seems to me there is too much Hoover in the publicity going out from your department."

The chief G-man has issued stringent orders that no information, except on the most minor offenses, shall be given out by his subordinates, even though they be in charge of the various bureaus. Everything must be referred to him in Washington, to be given its "press release" there.

To tighten up any leaks Hoover recently ordered all agents take an "oath of secrecy" whenever they were assigned to a new district.



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Judge Holtzoff sends copies  
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74TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 11616

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 4, 1936

Mr. SUMNERS of Texas introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and ordered to be printed

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## A BILL

To fix the compensation of the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

- 1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
  - 2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
  - 3 **That, effective on the first day of the first month next follow-**
  - 4 **ing the approval of this Act, the compensation of the Director**
  - 5 **of the Federal Bureau of Investigation of the Department**
  - 6 **of Justice shall be \$10,000 per annum.**
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74TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. 4169

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 24 (calendar day, MARCH 4), 1936

Mr. ASHURST introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington Field Office, Room 5252  
Washington, D. C.

February 12, 1936.

PERSONAL and CONFIDENTIAL

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In connection with your anticipated visit to Miami, Florida and thence to Habana, Cuba; Nassau and Puerto Rico; returning to Miami, Florida, I conferred with Commander V. M. Thompson, Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Treasury, and with Mr. E. T. Ackan, who is attached to the office of the Honorable Stephen B. Gibbons, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, and through Mr. Gibbons have arranged that the freedom of the port at Miami, Florida and Customs courtesy be extended to you and those who will accompany you when you return from your trip, by aeroplane, to Miami, Florida. In order that no possible misunderstanding may arise when you return to Miami, Florida, there is annexed hereto copy of a letter dated February 11, 1936, from the Honorable Stephen B. Gibbons to Mr. John Klein, Deputy Collector of Customs, Miami, Florida, authorizing the extension of the usual Customs courtesies and free entry privileges to you, Mr. Tolson and Mr. Hottel. Complying with the request made in connection with this matter, as embodied in my letter to Mr. Gibbons, your arrival at Miami will not be made known to the press or others not officially interested. The extending to you of the usual Customs courtesies and free entry privileges will eliminate any examination of luggage or other procedure which may cause you any delay or necessary loss of time when you return to the United States via Miami, Florida. A copy of the letter from Mr. Gibbons to Mr. John Klein, Deputy Collector of Customs, Miami, Florida, is enclosed in an envelope so indicated and marked "No. 1".

## PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP UPON RETURN TO UNITED STATES VIA MIAMI, FLORIDA

Upon your return to the United States, via Miami, Florida, it would customarily be necessary to exhibit proof of citizenship. I have, however, arranged through the cooperation of Miss Ruth Shipley to have instructions issued by Colonel Daniel W. MacCormack, Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization, Department of Labor, to his representatives at Miami, Florida to waive the customary procedure in connection with proof of citizenship. Colonel MacCormack is presently out of the city, but upon his return on Monday, February 12, 1936, Miss Shipley

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will confer with him and see that the arrangements in this respect are perfected.

There is annexed hereto a letter dated February 11, 1936, addressed to you by the Honorable Wilbur Carr, Assistant Secretary of State, in which he makes reference to the general letter of introduction for you to any American Diplomatic and Consular officer within whose territory you may visit. He further states that he has also written to the Honorable Jefferson Caffery, American Ambassador at Habana and to Mr. Henry, American Consul at Nassau concerning your trip. When Mr. Carr was informed of your anticipated trip he indicated very keen interest and desire to extend every possible courtesy to you, through his office and the offices of the State Department representatives wherever you may visit. —This most cordial feeling, I am quite sure, is the result of his recent visit to your office.

There is also attached hereto a letter dated February 11, 1936, signed by the Honorable Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, to the American Diplomatic and Consular officers which refers to your anticipated trip and bespeaks for you and your party such courtesies and assistance which the Diplomatic officers may be able to render, consistent with their official duties.

HABANA, CUBA

<u>American Ambassador:</u>	Honorable Jefferson Caffery
<u>Residence:</u>	Country Club Park
<u>Office:</u>	American Embassy

There is attached hereto copy of a letter dated February 11, 1936, from Honorable W. J. Carr, Assistant Secretary of State, to the Honorable Jefferson Caffery, American Ambassador, Habana, Cuba. It will be noted in the last part of this letter that the possibility exists that you will likely wish to leave with him your address in order that any urgent communications from your office may be transmitted to you. Copy of this letter to Mr. Caffery from Mr. Carr is enclosed in an envelope so indicated and marked "No. 2".

<u>Hotel:</u>	<u>THE SEVILLA-BILTMORE on the Prado</u>
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is now the leading hotel and is being occupied by guests who enjoy international prominence.

Amusements: Exclusive Dining Places:

I have been informed that the "PATIO ON THE PRADO" caters to the more exclusive class at Habana for dinner and supper and the guests to a large extent are members of the Diplomatic Corps and high government officials. Another place which Mr. Sumner Wells, the former Ambassador to Cuba, recommends as being very exclusive, is the "SANS SOUSI", which, I understand, is an open air cabaret which caters to the more elite class of Cuban society.

Government Transportation Request:

I have been informed by the State Department that the transportation facilities in Cuba are required to report immediately to the Cuban Government the identity of all persons traveling on Government Transportation Request.

NASSAU, BAHAMAS:

American Consul: Frank Anderson Henry

I am transmitting herewith copy of a letter dated February 11, 1936, from the Honorable Wilbur J. Carr to Mr. Henry advising him of your anticipated trip and expressing his appreciation for anything he may be able to do for you while at Nassau. The last part of the letter makes reference to the very splendid work which you and your men have been doing for our Government. A copy of this letter is enclosed in an envelope so indicated and marked "No. 3".

I am also forwarding herewith copy of a letter dated February 11, 1936, from Miss Ruth Shipley, Chief, Passport Division, Department of State, to the Honorable F. Lamot Belin who resides on an estate known as "On the Edge of the Blue" at Nassau, Bahamas. Miss Shipley has been personally acquainted with Mr. Belin for many years and she referred to him as a career man of the State Department; former Ambassador to Poland, related to the DuPonts of Delaware and a man who has a splendid personality and is enjoying life on his very beautiful estate known as "On the Edge of the Blue" at Nassau. There is attached to the copy of this letter the personal card of Miss Shipley introducing you to Mr. Belin.

It will be noted in this letter that Miss Shipley stated that she had been asked whether she knew anyone in Nassau to whom a letter of

introduction could be given for you. I assure you that this is entirely incorrect and that I made no such suggestion really; on the other hand, that you preferred to have time at your disposal to do what you desired to do. Miss Shipley evidently used this phraseology not knowing just what else to say. This letter is enclosed in an envelope so indicated and marked "No. 4".

Hotel:      FORT MONTAGUE

I am informed that this hotel is the most exclusive one there.

PUERTO RICO:

Governor: Honorable Blanton Winship

There is annexed hereto copy of a letter dated February 11, 1936, to Governor Winship from Miss Ruth Shipley of the Department of State, advising him of your anticipated trip, and suggesting that you undoubtedly will pay your respects to him. Attached to this letter is a personal card of Miss Shipley introducing you to the Governor. This letter is enclosed in an envelope so indicated and marked "No. 5".

United States Federal Judge:      Robert A. Cooper

United States Attorney:      A. Cecil Snyder

United States Commissioner:

<u>At San Juan:</u>	Honorable Raymond C. Julia
<u>At Mayaguez:</u>	Honorable William Falbe

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Hotel:      CONDADO-VANDERBILT

is the only hotel which I understand has facilities which are acceptable.

CABLE OR WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS - BY CODE OR OTHERWISE - WITH YOU OR BY YOU SHOULD EMERGENCY REQUIRE SAME:

I have arranged with Miss Ruth Shipley of the Department of State, should an emergency arise to reach you by cable or wireless - by

code or otherwise - through the officials above referred to. I may suggest, if agreeable to you, that you indicate to the American Ambassador or Consuls, or to the office of Governor Winship where you may next be located, and, should you deem it advisable, can arrange upon instructions from your office to reach you through the channels above referred to. The same facilities will be at your disposal should you care to reach your office at Washington, D. C.

May I respectfully suggest that consideration be given to the use of Travelers' Checks by you while on this trip, and further that you may desire to take out Travelers' Insurance. Might I further take the privilege of suggesting that travel both by plane and by railroad to the South is extremely heavy at this season of the year and that reservations should be made as far in advance as possible.

I am also sending to you an original letter dated February 11, 1936, addressed to me by Miss Ruth Shipley, Chief, Passport Division, Department of State, which indicates the action taken by her and other officials in connection with your trip South. She has exhibited keen interest and cooperation and a desire to be helpful and the thought has occurred to me that you may care to drop her a note of thanks.

Very truly yours



R. P. HURRUSS  
Special Agent.

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(Enclosures)



February 11, 1936.

Dear Mr. Burruss:

Mr. Carr has issued a general letter of introduction for Mr. Hoover and has also written to the Ambassador at Habana and the American Consul at Nassau. I have personally written to General Winship, the Governor of Puerto Rico, and I have also written a personal note to Mr. Lamont Belin at Nassau. I am enclosing cards for presentation to these two gentlemen, who will be very glad indeed to have the pleasure of seeing Mr. Hoover and his friends. If there is anything further that I can do, be sure to let me know.

Very sincerely yours,

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*Auth Shipley*

Enclosures:  
Cards of Introduction.

Robert P. Burruss, Esquire,  
Care of Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE

WASHINGTON

February 11, 1936. ✓

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have just learned of your proposed trip to the West Indies and I am enclosing a general letter of introduction for you to any American diplomatic and consular officer within whose territory you may find yourself. I have also written to the Honorable Jefferson Caffery, American Ambassador at Habana, and to Mr. Henry, American Consul at Nassau. I sincerely trust that you will give these officers the pleasure of seeing you. They will be happy to render any possible service to you.

With best wishes to you for a happy trip and a good rest, I am,

Sincerely yours,



Enclosure:  
Letter of introduction.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice.

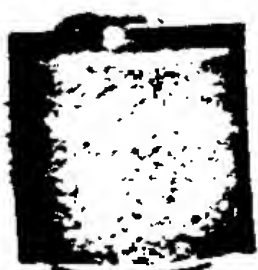


**DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S.A.**

**To the**

**Diplomatic and Consular Officers of the United States of America.**

**Introducing: J. Edgar Hoover, Esquire.**





DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

February 11, 1936.

To the American

Diplomatic and Consular Officers.

Sirs:

At the instance of the Honorable Wilbur J. Carr, Assistant Secretary of State, I take pleasure in introducing to you J. Edgar Hoover, Esquire, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice, who, accompanied by Mr. Clyde Tolson, Assistant Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice, and Mr. Guy Hottel of Washington, D. C., is about to proceed abroad.

I cordially bespeak for Mr. Hoover and his party such courtesies and assistance as you may be able to render, consistently with your official duties.

Very truly yours,

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.  
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Letter from

Hon. Stephen B. Gibbons, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury

To: Mr. John Klein, Deputy Collector of Customs, Miami, Fla.

Dated: February 11, 1936.

NO. 1.

February 11, 1936.

Mr. John Klein,  
Deputy Collector of Customs,  
Miami, Florida.

Sir:

You are authorized to extend the usual Customs courtesies and free entry privileges to Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Mr. Clyde Tolson, Assistant Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Mr. Guy Hottel, Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, who will arrive in Miami by air from Havana on February 22 or a few days later.

Mr. Hoover and his party desire that their arrival be kept a secret. Therefore, it is requested that their arrival be kept from the press and others not officially interested.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Stephen B. Gilbert

Assistant Secretary.

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Washington Field Office, Room 8252  
Washington, D. C.

February 11, 1936.

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

Hon. Stephen E. Gibbons,  
Assistant Secretary of the Treasury,  
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Mr. E. T. Acken

Dear Sir:

With reference to the telephone conversation between you and Commander V. M. Thompson, Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Treasury, this morning, it is respectfully requested that customs courtesy be granted at Miami, Florida, upon the return to the United States on February 22nd, 1936, or a few days later, to the following:

Mr. John Edgar Hoover,  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice.

Mr. Clyde Tolson,  
Assistant Director, Federal Bureau of  
Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice.

Mr. Guy Hottel,  
Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice.

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The above mentioned persons, according to their present itinerary will leave Washington, D. C. for Miami, Florida, February 14th, 1936, and will then visit Nassau, Bahama Islands; Havana, Cuba and Puerto Rico; then returning to Havana, Cuba and thence to Miami, Florida, all travel to be made by aeroplane.

The trip above referred to is to be made both for business and to an extent for pleasure, and it will be highly appreciated if you can confidentially arrange with the officials at Miami, Florida to extend to them the freedom of the port. When making these arrangements with your representatives at Miami, Florida, may I suggest that they be requested not to make known to the press, or anyone else the anticipated arrival of the officials above referred to, as Mr. Hoover particu-

larly desires that no publicity be given to his arrival.

If entirely agreeable and consistent, I will appreciate receiving a copy of your letter to your representative at Miami, Florida, in order that Mr. Hoover may have same available when he arrives there from Havana, Cuba.

Please accept assurance of my appreciation for any courtesy which you may extend in this matter.

Very truly yours,

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R. P. BURRUSS,  
Special Agent.

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**DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION**  
**U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**  
**WASHINGTON, D. C.**  
**OFFICIAL BUSINESS**

**PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID  
PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300**

**Letter From**

**Miss Ruth Shipley, Chief, Passport Division, Department of State**

**To: Hon. Blanton Winship, Governor of Puerto Rico.**

**Dated: February 11, 1936.**

**NO. 5.**

February 11, 1936.

My dear Governor Winship:

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Head of the G Men of the Department of Justice, is making a flying trip to Ponce, Habana and San Juan. He is accompanied by Mr. Clyde Tolson, Assistant Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Mr. Guy Hottel. I do not know the nature of his trip but I understand that it is for rest and recreation, and that they desire that no publicity be given to the trip. However, I believe there is a case pending down there in which Mr. Hoover is interested. He will undoubtedly present himself to pay his respects to you and I thought you would like to know in advance of his coming. I have given him a card of introduction to you.

With very cordial remembrances and best regards,  
I am,

Sincerely yours,

*Frank Shipley*

The Honorable  
Blanton Winship,  
Governor of Puerto Rico.



General Blanton Winship  
Governor of Puerto Rico  
San Juan

Dear General Winship:  
This will introduce  
Mr. J. Edgar Hoover of  
Mrs. Frederick M. Shipley  
the Department of Jus-  
tice about whom I  
wrote you.  
5508 Thirty-ninth Street  
Ruth Shipley

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**DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION**

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

**WASHINGTON, D. C.**

**OFFICIAL BUSINESS**

**PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID  
PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300**

**Letter from**

**Miss Ruth Shipley, Chief, Passport Division, Department of State**

**To: Honorable F. Lamont Belin, "On the Edge of the Blue", Nassau,  
Bahamas.**

**Dated: February 11, 1936.**

**No. 4.**

February 11, 1936.

Dear Mr. Delin:

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Head of the G Men of the Department of Justice, is making a personal flying trip for recreational purposes to Nassau, Habana, and San Juan. He is accompanied by Mr. Clyde Felson and Mr. Guy Hettel. I have been asked if I know anyone in Nassau to whom I might give a letter of introduction and it occurred to me that you would be just the very person whom Mr. Hoover and his friends would like to know in case they are to be completely carefree on their trip. Consequently, I have given Mr. Hoover a card thinking that you might be glad of the chance to see him. He is having a very colorful career.

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The tickets for the President's Ball arrived in due course and Bill greatly enjoyed using them. He was very keen to dance to Guy Lombardo's music and I feel he did more work following Guy Lombardo around  
from

The Honorable

F. Laurot Delin,

"On the Edge of the Blue",  
Nassau, Bahamas.

from hotel to hotel that he did dancing but, nevertheless, he had a good time. Many many thanks to you for your kindness.

With warmest regards to Mrs. Belin and yourself,

Very sincerely yours,

*Rich Shipley*

The Honorable  
F. Hammet Belin  
"On the Edge of the Blue"  
Nassau

Dear Mr. Belin:

This will introduce  
Mr. J. Edgar Hoover of  
Mrs. Frederick M. Shipley  
the Department of Jus-  
tice, about whom I  
wrote you.

5208 Thirtieth Street

Ruth Shipley

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Letter from

Hon. Wilbur J. Carr, Assistant Secretary of State

To: Hon. Jefferson Caffery, American Ambassador, Habana, Cuba.

Dated: February 11, 1936.

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February 11, 1936.

My dear Mr. Caffery:

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, accompanied by Mr. Clyde Tolson, Assistant Director, and Mr. Guy Hottel, is making a brief flying trip to Nassau, Habana, and San Juan, arriving in Habana in the early part of the week of February 17. Mr. Hoover will undoubtedly get in touch with you if the length of his stay in Habana permits.—I understand that it is to be a private, personal trip and that they desire no publicity. I have given him a letter of introduction and I will greatly appreciate anything that you may do to be of assistance to him. He will likely wish to leave with you his address in order that any urgent communications from his Department may be transmitted to him.

With cordial remembrances,

Very sincerely yours,

W. J. Carr

The Honorable  
Jefferson Caffery,  
American Ambassador,  
Habana, Cuba.

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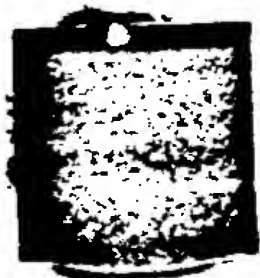
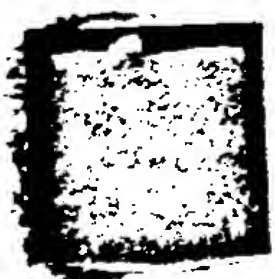
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Letter from

Hon. Wilbur J. Carr, Assistant Secretary of State  
To: Frank Anderson Henry, Esq., American Consul, Nassau, Bahamas

Dated: February 11, 1936.

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Letter from

Hon. Wilbur J. Carr, Assistant Secretary of State

To: Frank Anderson Henry, Esq., American Consul, Nassau, Bahamas

Dated: February 11, 1936.

February 11, 1936.

My dear Mr. Henry:

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Very sincerely yours,

W. J. Carr

Frank Anderson Henry, Esquire,

American Consul,

Nassau, Bahamas.

OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

December 24, 1935.

Time - 12:41 P. M.

MEMORANDUM

— Re: The Director's Salary.

Mr. Brien McMahon telephoned me this afternoon and stated that he had just sent a letter to the Budget with reference to my salary. Mr. McMahon told me that he had just talked to the Attorney General about it.

J. E. H.

Mr. Nathan .....  
Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. Baughman .....  
Chief Clerk .....  
Mr. Clegg .....  
Mr. Coffey .....  
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Mr. Tamm .....  
Mr. Tracy .....  
Miss Gandy .....

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October 14, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I desire to acknowledge receipt of your contribution of \$10 to the fund to be paid to the designated beneficiary of any Special Agent of the Bureau who may lose his life by violence in the line of official duty.

Respectfully,

W. R. Glavin.

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

October 10, 1935

Mr. Tolson called to say that in conversation with Mr. Lester about his trip north to make speeches Mr. Lester advised that the faculty of Johns Hopkins is desirous of recommending that the Congressional Medal of Honor be awarded to Mr. Hoover.

Also:

While Mr. Lester was in New England he made eight speeches in three days and after his speech making was over the faculties of Smith and Hobart colleges, two very heavily endowed Colleges, visited him and offered him the Presidency of these two colleges. Mr. Lester declined, and was assured by the faculties that if the salary were any drawback they would meet any demands he would make in this connection.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

September 19, 1935.

9:15 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Hanson of New York City telephoned and stated that while at police headquarters yesterday afternoon, Special Agent Jim Amos was informed by Harry Butts, ballistics expert, that it is freely rumored around the New York Police Department that Mr. Hoover is going out of office as Director and that Commissioner Valentine is to succeed him; that H. E. Burckman is to take Valentine's place.

I inquired of Mr. Hanson if he knew as to the source of the rumor of if any further details were known. He stated that he did not know the source of the rumor or any other details. I inquired if there were any situation in New York City that might lend itself to such a rumor. Mr. Hanson stated that he has heard and there has been some comment in the paper concerning the assigning of two detectives by Valentine to guard the Mayor after receipt of certain threats; that the Mayor found out about the guard, ordered the men taken away at once and that Valentine was quite provoked about it. The news and general comment at that time seemed to indicate that a situation had arisen and it was rumored that Burckman would take Valentine's place.

Mr. Hanson stated that Agent Amos is to be at police headquarters again today and if any further information is received, he will communicate with the Bureau.

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Respectfully,

SEP 27 1935  
S. J. Tracy.

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Well, well these kind of rumors have usually started about 9 months before Presidential elections. This time they are starting a little sooner. Possibly the delay in Ethiopian hostilities has created a dearth of news so they have to fill in. D. C. N.

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Washington, D.C.  
August 16/35

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Mr. Tracy	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

Major J. Edgar Hoover -

Dear Sir and Brother:

I have recently learned that you are a Commissioned Officer in the Officers' Reserve Corps, U. S. A. Also a Mason. That makes you eligible for Membership in the National Sojourners, which only Commissioned Officers and Masons, are members.

We are jealous of our Membership, but have decided that you are to be approached toward becoming a member. Accordingly, I am enclosing a membership blank, which I hope you will fill out and send to our Secretary, Major E. S. Bettelheim, Jr. - 1700 Eye St., N. W. Further communications will be forwarded by his office. I know you will enjoy this membership as much as I have, since its formation in 1923. Anything I can explain will be done cheerfully and willingly.

Fraternally,

/s/

Nathan Williams  
1816 Kalorama Rd.  
Phone: Col. 3811.

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Washington - D.C.

August - 16/35 -

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Maternally  
Nathan Williams - 1816 Katorama Rd. Phone  
col. 381.

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Mr. Tracy	.....
Miss Gandy	.....



## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP NATIONAL SOJOURNERS

Washington Chapter, No. 3

The undersigned represents, on honor, that he is a Master Mason in good standing, that he holds or has held a Commission in the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard Service, Public Health Service, Coast and Geodetic Survey Service (or Reserve Corps of these bodies), and in furtherance of his Masonic Obligation to promote welfare of its members and perpetuate allegiance to the American Flag, hereby applies for membership in the National Sojourners.

Applicant (sign full name) \_\_\_\_\_

Print name if signature is not legible

Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Present, Reserve, Ex.

Years in Service \_\_\_\_\_

Military or Business Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Civil Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBER OF	NAME	NO.	CITY	STATE
Blue Lodge				
Eastern Star				
Grotto, MOVPER.				
Tall Cedars				
Chapter, RAM				
Council, R&SM				
Commandery, KT.				
Consistory 32°				
Shrine, AAONMS.				

Chairs Occupied \_\_\_\_\_

Other Masonic History \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever applied for membership in any other Chapter of National Sojourners? \_\_\_\_\_

Recommended by Captain Nathan Tillman

Dated at Washington - D.C. this 16th day of August, 1935

Approved by Membership Committee \_\_\_\_\_ Elected \_\_\_\_\_

This application must be accompanied by check for \$3.00 annual dues. Check made payable to the Treasurer, National Sojourners.

This application to be forwarded to Secretary, Washington Chapter No. 3.

Major

Capt. Edwin S. Betteheim, Jr.  
University Club, Washington, D.C.

1700 Eye St. NW.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

August 24, 1935.

Dear Sir:

For inclusion in the fund to be paid to the widow or designated beneficiary of any Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, who has contributed to this fund and who may lose his life by violence in line of official duty, I am forwarding herewith (~~CHECK - MONEY ORDER~~ - CASH) in the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00), made payable to the Chief Clerk of said Bureau, to be included in said fund. It is understood and agreed that the sum tendered herewith is a voluntary, gratuitous contribution to said fund, which I understand is to be administered in the following manner:

The Director of the Bureau will appoint a committee which shall consider all matters pertaining to the acquisition, safe keeping, and expending of said fund, which committee will recommend appropriate action to the Director of the Bureau in pertinent matters. The Chief Clerk of said Bureau shall receive all contributions and account for same to the Director.

Upon the death of any Special Agent, the appointed committee will consider the case and submit a recommendation to the Director as to its conclusions. In the event of a finding that the death was by violence in line of official duty, appropriate instructions will be issued to the Chief Clerk, directing him to pay to the designated beneficiary the full amount of said fund as of the date of death.

The following person is hereby designated as my beneficiary:

Name Mrs. Annie M. Hoover Address 413 Seward Square, S. E.  
Relationship Mother

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Very truly yours,

*Handwritten note:*  
Retained

*Handwritten signature:* J. E. Hoover  
Director.

*Handwritten initials:* J. E. Hoover

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.  
July 29, 1935.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

On Saturday, July 27, Agent in Charge Brantley, who is in Washington, advised me of the receipt of information from his office in Oklahoma City to the effect that Mr. Mark T. Little, a former Agent of the Bureau, is now Acting Agent in Charge of the office of the Division of Investigations, Interior Department, at Oklahoma City. Mr. Brantley had received word that Mr. Mark T. Little had circulated a story to the effect that the Director was going to resign and intended to establish an international detective agency. The report further indicated that Mr. Tamm was slated to become Director of the Bureau.

I telephoned Mr. John Little, Acting Agent in Charge of the Oklahoma City Office, and instructed him to communicate with Mr. Mark Little and to inform him that this is an absolute falsehood, that Mr. Hoover has no intention of resigning, and further if he did resign he certainly would not establish any international detective agency. Mr. John Little stated that he would communicate with Mr. Mark Little and that he would verify his conversation with Mr. Little in this matter by letter.

Respectfully,

Clyde Tolson.

Mr. Nathan ✓  
Mr. Tolson ✓  
Mr. Baughman ✓  
Chief Clerk ✓  
Mr. Clegg ✓  
Mr. Coffey ✓  
Mr. Edwards ✓  
Mr. Egan ✓  
Mr. Harbo ✓  
Mr. Keith ✓  
Mr. Lester ✓  
Mr. Quinn ✓  
Mr. Schick ✓  
Mr. Schilder ✓  
Mr. Smith ✓  
Mr. Tamm ✓  
Tracy ✓  
Miss Gandy ✓

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 1276

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

July 29, 1935

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Ave. at 9th St., N. W.,

Dear Mr. Hoover:

In accordance with telephonic instructions from Mr. Tolson, Mr. Mark T. Little, formerly an Agent in the Bureau, called at the Oklahoma City office today, at my request, in connection with the statement or rumor reported to emanate from Mr. Little to the effect that you contemplate resigning as Director in order to establish an international detective bureau and would be succeeded by Mr. E. A. Tamm as Director.

Mr. Little stated that he first received this report in East Texas, the sources of which he declined to reveal, but stated that he received the same information from two independent sources, which sources considered the report to be well founded and "to be a matter of general knowledge in Washington." Mr. Little stated that the report, as he heard it, was to the effect that you were to be succeeded by Mr. Tamm or Mr. Tolson.

Mr. Little stated that he attached no credence whatever to the story, considering it merely idle gossip, and in the event he has unwittingly repeated this report, it was unintentional and he sincerely regrets that the source of such a report should be attributed to him. He was advised that the report is untrue and that there is no basis whatever for the circulation of a story of this character. Mr. Little stated that "his lips would be sealed" so far as any further repetition of this story is concerned. During the interview, Mr. Little spoke only in the highest terms of you, and it was noted that he referred to you frequently as "the boss" with apparently no premeditation.

Mr. Little is presently Acting Special Agent in Charge for the local office of the Division of Investigations of the Department of the Interior, and stated that he wished to dispel any ideas that the rumor referred to emanated in any manner as propaganda in connection with any antagonistic feelings formerly reported to exist between the Bureau and

Mr. Nathan	✓
Mr. Tolson	✓
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Mr. Lester	✓
Mr. Quinn	✓
Mr. Scheidt	
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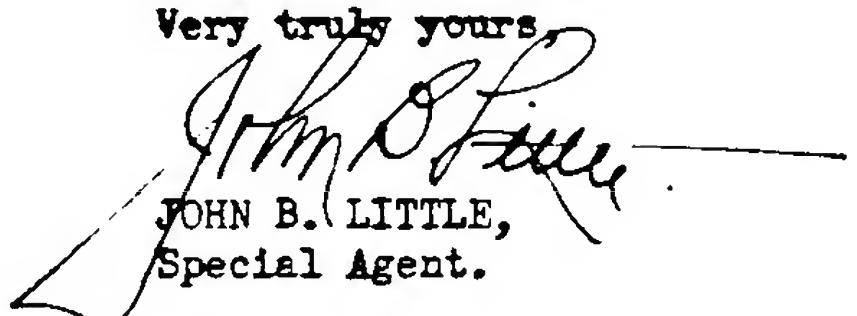
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the Division of Investigations of the Department of the Interior, as a result of alleged proselyting on the part of the Department of the Interior in employing Bureau trained Agents.

The information resulting in the interview with Mr. Little was occasioned by information furnished by me to Mr. Brantley. Although I knew from the first that any statement of this character would be false and without basis, I appreciate the fact that you desire to be advised thereof promptly. I shall be governed accordingly in the future and should any information of a like character be received by me, while acting in charge of a Bureau office, I shall see that the same is furnished you directly.

Very truly yours,



JOHN B. LITTLE,  
Special Agent.

Photostat copy of authority to Director  
to direct expenditure of emergency fund  
of \$20,000. Dated July 26, 1935.

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Assistant Attorney General Blair  
Assistant Attorney General Dickinson  
Assistant Attorney General Jackson  
Assistant Solicitor General MacLean  
Mr. Hoover, Dir. Fed. Bu. of Investigation  
Mr. Tolson, Asst. Dir. Fed. Bu. of Investigation  
Mr. Bates, Dir. Bureau of Prisons  
Mr. Finch, Pardon Attorney  
Mr. Beardslee, Dir. Bu. War Risk Lit.  
Mr. Lawrence, Taxes and Penalties Unit  
Mr. Carusi  
Mr. Holtzoff  
Mr. Caldwell  
Mr. McMahon  
Mr. McClure, General Agent  
Mr. Butts, Asst. General Agent  
Mr. Greene  
Mr. Donaldson, Chief Clerk  
Mr. Hill  
Mr. Sornborger, Appointment Clerk  
Mr. Moore, Division of Records  
Mr. Holland, Supply Division  
Mrs. Boody  
Mr. Mead  
Mr. Kennell  
Mr. Gallagher  
Miss Berard  
Miss Waddle  
Miss Watkins  
Personnel Files

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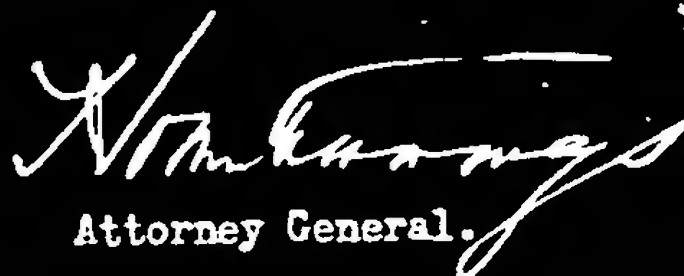
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"THE ATTORNEY GENERAL"  
AND REFER TO  
INITIALS AND NUMBER

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

July 26, 1935.

Order No. 2731

Pursuant to the authority conferred upon me as head of the Department of Justice by Section 161, R. S. (Section 22, Title 5, U. S. Code) I hereby delegate to J. Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, full authority to direct the expenditure of the emergency fund of not to exceed \$20,000 of the appropriation "Salaries and Expenses, Federal Bureau of Investigation 1936" contained in the Department of Justice Appropriation Act approved March 22, 1935 (Public No. 22 - 74th Congress) and to make a certificate of the amount of such expenditure as he may think it advisable not to specify, as required by said act.

  
Attorney General.



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July 23, 1935.

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Mr. Alfred Hampton,  
Box 423,  
Gilroy, California.

Dear Mr. Hampton:

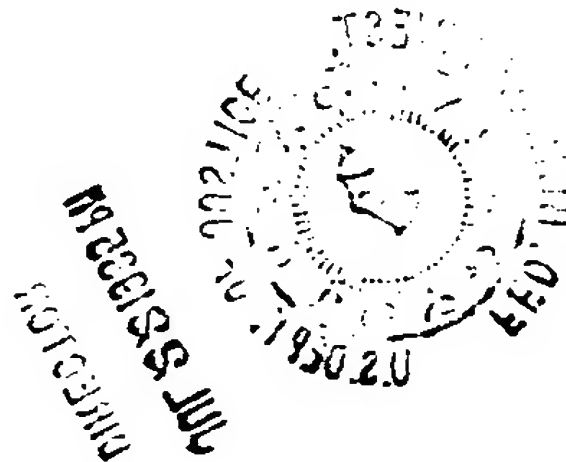
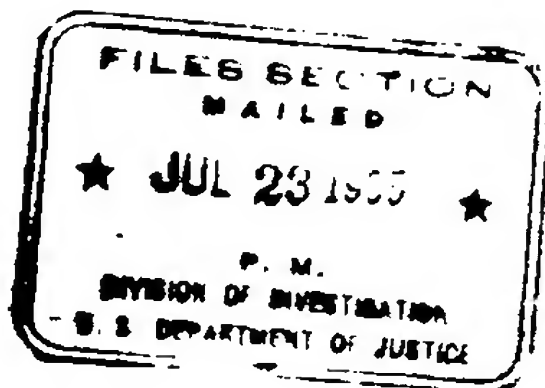
Thank you very much indeed for  
your note of July 14, in which you enclose  
a copy of an article which appeared in the  
Gilroy Evening Dispatch of July 12. It  
was kind of you to send a copy of this  
clipping to me.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Mr. Nathan .....
Mr. Tolson .....
Mr. Baughman .....
Chief Clerk .....
Mr. Clegg .....
Mr. Coffey .....
Mr. Edwards .....
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 Mr. Schilder.....  
 Mr. Smith.....  
 Mr. Tamm.....  
 Mr. Tracy.....  
 Miss Gandy.....

Hon. "J. E. N." Hello "Justice"; Have watched your amazing career with interest & admiration, especially since your able and forceful presentation of the Govt's side before Secy. W.B. Wilson in the "Martins case".  
 Continued success and good luck to you.  
 Alfred Hampton.

Hon. "J.E.H."

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Sincerely,

/s/ Alfred Hampton.

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 MISS GANDY

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This certainly is news to me re application for Labor Dept.

J. E. N.

7-23-35

H. J. Edgar Hoover.  
Dept. of Justice.  
Washington  
D. C.



Personal

AFTER 5 DAYS, RETURN TO

Alfred Humphreys

Box 423

GILROY, CALIFORNIA

Gilroy Evening Dispatch

Gilroy, California

July 12, 1935.

## Local Man Played Part in Steering Noted G-Man's Life

Napoleon once said: "the changes in the course of empires hang on threads and not ropes." and this historic assertion was exemplified here today by a local man, Alfred Hampton, when he casually revealed he once played a "minor part" in the career of J. Edgar Hoover, the keystone G-Man being credited with the recent gratifying amazing cleanup of crime conditions throughout the nation.

Hampton, now retired, who was active in Federal politics for many years, was chief assistant to Commissioner General of Immigration Anthony Caminetti during the Wilson administration, and it was during this term of office he met the now famed head of the Department of Justice agents' bureau.

Caminetti was the storm center of several political battles during his term of office, and once while he was absent for a period from his official desk in Washington Hampton was in charge of the Bureau of Immigration.

### Hoover Bought Transfer

It so happened during the period a decision was to be made on a \$1600 a year appointment, a "good Government job" in those days, and among the applicants for it was J. Edgar Hoover, then a \$1400 a year man but a highly

regarded one in the Department of Justice.

Young Hoover was highly recommended for the post and he was an efficient worker.

Hampton finally took the stand that all things being equal, it would be good policy to promote eligible men already familiar with the bureau's work and already working in it, so young Hoover's application for a transfer was reluctantly turned down.

### Hoover Makes Own Way

And it wasn't long before Hampton's judgment was confirmed in an opposite way—for shortly afterwards a ticklish case of deportation of a representative of the Russian Government came up for action in the Immigration Bureau, and it was Hoover's brilliant investigation work for the Department of Justice and his forceful presentation of the case that brought about the deportation of the Russian plotter.

From this case on, Hoover's climb to position and fame as an investigator began resulting in his headship of all G-Men forces today, with credit accorded him as organizer of the most mobile, brilliant, swift force of crime investigators and criminal trappers in American penal history.

"On such apparently small decisions do great developments hinge," says Hampton, who has a fund of such reminiscences, and who, some day, the Dispatch may be able to coax into preparing a series of articles on experiences in the Federal service.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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July 29, 1935.

**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF JOHN EDGAR HOOVER,  
DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.**

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Mr. Hoover holds the commission of Lieutenant-Colonel in the Military Intelligence Division of the Officers Reserve Corps, United States Army. He is a member of the Columbia Country Club, Chevy Chase, Maryland; the Metropolitan and University Clubs, Washington, D. C.; the Masonic Fraternity; the Kappa Alpha Fraternity and is a life member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police; is a life member, International Association for Identification; an honorary member of the New England Association of Chiefs of Police; an honorary life member of the Sheriffs' Association of Texas; Vice-Chairman of the Advisory Board of the International World Police Association; an honorary member, Judges and Police Executives Conference of Erie County, New York; and an honorary member of the New Mexico Sheriffs' and Police Association. In November, 1933, Mr. Hoover was named a member of the Royal Order of the Crown of Rumania, with the rank of Commander, as a result of his activities in promoting closer international police collaboration.

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The Bureau is charged with the duty of investigating violations of the laws of the United States and collecting evidence in cases in which the United States is or may be a party in interest. The organization has an annual appropriation of five millions of dollars, with a personnel of over fifteen hundred employees throughout the United States. Under the direction of the Attorney General, the Director of the Bureau directs the work of the Special Agents who are employed for the purpose of detecting crime and collecting evidence for use in proposed and pending cases for prosecution.

Mr. Hoover has under his immediate supervision the Identification Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which has on file over 5,000,000 sets of fingerprint records of persons who have been arrested in the United States and foreign countries, representing the largest and most

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complete collection of criminal fingerprint records of current value existing anywhere in the world. In addition, he has under his immediate supervision the crime statistics work which was established on September 1, 1930, involving the collection of statistics on crime from the various law-enforcement officials of the United States for dissemination to interested officials and agencies.

Also, Mr. Hoover has under his supervision the Technical Laboratory of the Bureau, wherein scientific detection aids are utilized in connection with the solving of crimes under the Bureau's jurisdiction. The experts of this laboratory also assist State and local law-enforcement officials throughout the country in the use of scientific crime detection aids, such as handwriting and typewriting analysis, the examination of blood, hair and bullets, the use of ultra-violet light in the examination of substances and the decoding of cryptographic messages.

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July 29  
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GT:ACS

June 18, 1935

Mrs. Joshua Stans, Jr.,  
3405 Lovell Street, N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Stans:-

I thought you might like to have the enclosed copy of an excerpt from the radio broadcast of Mr. Lowell Thomas of June 10th, which refers to the action of The George Washington University in conferring the Degree of Doctor of Laws upon me recently.

I trust you have not forgotten that you promised to pay us a visit and permit us to show you some of our activities here in the new Department of Justice Building.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Edgar Hoover

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

JUN 20 1935

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Excerpt from Lowell Thomas'  
Broadcast

June 10, 1935 .....NBC-NJZ Network

Well, this week begins with one piece of welcome news. A notable victory for John Law's lesson to kidnapers. Uncle Sam's policemen are wearing a new feather in their hats tonight. The success of the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice in the Weyerhaeuser case was just about the swiftest thing in the annals of American crime. This morning's story alone was enough to electrify the country. Two people laid by the heels at Salt Lake City. In Butte, Montana, another man takes it on the run at the sight of a cop, leaving \$15,000 in ransom bills in his abandoned car and all this within a week after the Weyerhaeuser family turned over the \$200,000 to the snatchers. The government men have had Harson and Margaret Haley behind the bars in Salt Lake City ever since Friday night.

But this afternoon another sensation broke. J. Edgar Hoover's men found the hideout of the kidnapers in Spokane, and there's a real achievement in sleuthing and it may cause the criminal world to scratch its head and ask - does kidnapping pay now? The confession of the Haleys has the police of five northwestern states looking for an escaped bank robber named William Mahan, the man who took it on the land in Butte, leaving his car and \$15,000 in ransom bills. Every trail, every bus, every car traveling the roads of the northwest and of the inter-mountain states has been scrutinized by a cordon of patrols.

It turns out today that there's an eastern angle to the story of the Haleys. They used to live in Camden, New Jersey. Philadelphia and Camden police pinched the young man several times on suspicion of robbery but they always had to let him go for lack of evidence. And an interesting story about the Haleys was unearthed by the Philadelphia records. They lived in a boarding house in Camden. When they left, Haley told his landlady and a fellow boarder "I've got a deal on that's going to fix Margaret and me up for life." And now it looks as though he spoke the truth, though not in the way he meant. He expected an easy life. Instead it's probably going to be prison life and the prosecutor in Tacoma declares that he's going to insist on a death sentence for all the conspirators.

All this adds considerable point to a ceremony at George Washington University last week when the faculty conferred a degree of Doctor of Laws on J. Edgar Hoover. It's an axiom in baseball that whenever a player gets a public testimony, he promptly walks to the plate and strikes out and he fumble every ball that comes his way in the field too. It seems to work the opposite way with the brilliant young head of that Bureau of Investigation. The citation of the University was: "This degree was granted to John Edgar Hoover, an administrator trained in law and technique and social justice who by reason

of character, courage and skill has caused his name to be associated with those who believe in the nobility of government and the worthiness of life." On top of that, young Hoover and his men went right out and more than justified this citation. Nineteen years ago Hoover was a pale faced, dark eyed, dark haired lad who laboriously got his law degree at George Washington University working nights. Daytimes he worked in the Library of Congress. It was a job paying \$30 a month and the advice he got from the elder fellows there was "Don't break your neck around here, youngster; it won't get you anywhere." Well, young J. Edgar Hoover paid no attention to the advice. He broke his neck consistently. He got a raise, he got another raise. Presently he was making more than any of the elder men who had given him that thorny advice. He was the highest paid clerk on the job when he got his law degree and quit to take another position in the United States Department of Justice. In 1924, Chief Justice Stone of the Supreme Court was Attorney General then. He was organizing a new division of investigation and when he looked through his department to find a head for it, he picked J. Edgar Hoover. The rest is a matter of criminological history. The breaking of the Weyerhaeuser case - the latest chapter.

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June 12, 1935.

Mr. Henry B. Morrow,  
Second National Bank Uptown Building,  
1331-1333 G Street, N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Henry:

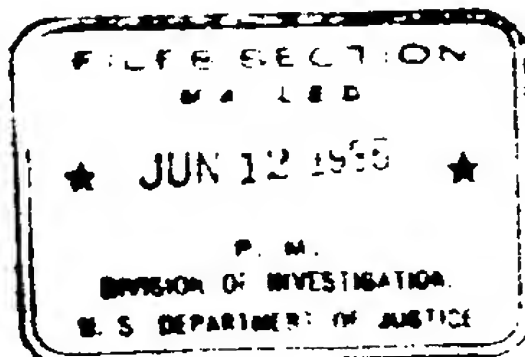
Many thanks for your letter of  
June 11, 1935, in which you extended your  
congratulations upon my being the recipient  
of the Degree of Doctor of Laws. I also  
value the clipping, and shall see that it  
is put in the sacred archives for my children  
and grandchildren.

With best regards and good wishes,  
I am

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

Mr. Nathan .....  
Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. Baughman .....  
Chief Clerk .....  
Mr. Clegg .....  
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Mr. Tracy .....  
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—Underwood & Underwood

### MEET "DOCTOR" HOOVER, LL. D.

*The Chief of the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice, J. Edgar Hoover (left), takes a short time out from his duties of chasing public enemies to receive an honorary degree from President Cloyd Heck Marvin of George Washington University.*



EDWARD F. COLLADAY  
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Mr. Tamm...  
Mr. Tracy...  
Miss Gandy...

June 11, 1935

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Division of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doc Hoover:

I think perhaps you may not have seen  
the enclosed clipping from The United States News  
of June 10th, and I take pleasure in enclosing it  
in order that it may be properly preserved for  
your posterity.

With best personal wishes and congratu-  
lations on this new honor, I am

Sincerely yours,

*W. J. Cullen*

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Mrs. Joshua A. Evans, Jr.,  
3405 Lovell Street, Northwest,  
Washington, D. C.

*Hoover*

Dear Mrs. Evans:

I want you to know how grateful I am for your courtesy in sending me a ticket for a seat in your box at the Commencement Exercises held last night. As you know, this ticket was used by Miss Helen Gandy, secretary to Mr. Hoover, and I know that she thoroughly enjoyed the proceedings.

I want to again express to you my sincere thanks for your helpfulness in connection with the entire matter. While Mr. Hoover is thoroughly deserving of the honors conferred upon him by George Washington University, I know that your personal interest in the matter has been of the utmost assistance.

With kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Clyde Tolson*

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THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

PRESIDENT'S ROOM

3 June 1935

Mr. C. A. Tolson,  
The Westchester Apartments,  
Washington D. C.

My dear Mr. Tolson:

At the request of Mrs. Joshua A.  
Evans, Jr., I am enclosing a ticket for  
a seat in her box on the occasion of our  
Commencement Exercises.

Yours sincerely,

*Myrna Sedgwick*  
Myrna Sedgwick  
Secretary to the  
President.

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June 1, 1935.

Mr. Robert P. Smith,  
Alma Temple Headquarters,  
1315 K Street, Northwest,  
Washington, D. C.

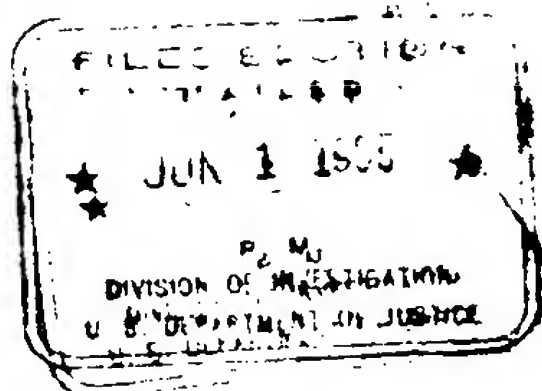
My dear Mr. Smith:-

I want you to know how very grateful I am for your courtesy in supplying me with two ring-side seats for the Gansner-Klick match to be held at Clark Griffith Stadium on Monday evening, June 10th. It was more than kind of you to make these tickets available, and I hope that I shall have an opportunity some time in the future to reciprocate your courtesy and thoughtfulness.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

April 2, 1935

Major J. Edgar Hoover, MI-Res.,  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Major Hoover:

I am in receipt of your letter of April 1, and have directed that the necessary application forms for appointment in the Military Intelligence Reserve be forwarded to Mr. Glavin.

Orders have been requested convening a board of officers to conduct your examination for promotion to the grade of Lieutenant Colonel. On receipt of the orders, I will Communicate with you with a view to fixing a convenient time for the examination.

Sincerely yours,

F. H. Lincoln,  
Colonel, General Staff,  
Chief, Operations Branch

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January 25, 1935.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. J. W. GARDNER  
GENERAL AGENT AND CHIEF CLERK.

Reference is made to your memorandum advising of a suspension by the General Accounting Office in the voucher submitted by me covering official travel on November 10th and 11th, 1933, the suspension representing the difference between the cost of air transportation used by me and the available railroad rate.

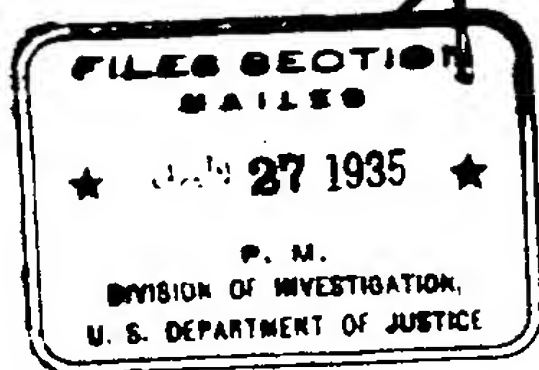
This is to advise you that the travel performed on the above-mentioned dates was occasioned by an unforeseen development connected with an important investigation at the New York office, by reason of which it became necessary for me to proceed to that city for a special conference. Inasmuch as this conference was essential in order to determine the further procedure in a criminal case at New York, it was essential that I proceed there as rapidly as possible using air transportation to effect the necessary saving in time. This was a matter which could not have been postponed to permit travel by train, for to have done so would have nullified the developments in the case up to that time and rendered it impossible to protect the interests of the Government in that case.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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J. W. GARDNER  
GENERAL AGENT AND CHIEF CLERK

# Department of Justice

Washington

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Mr. Quinn.....
Mr. Schilder.....
Mr. Tamm.....
Mr. Tracy.....
Miss Gandy.....

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION.

The General Accounting Office whose audit of accounts paid by this Department is final has suspended for refund or explanation the following in connection with the settlement of your November, 1933, expense account:

Nov. 10-11, 1933, secured transportation by air, Wash., D.C. to New York and return T.R. J 448641 and J 448642 \$20.04  
Bariffs on file in this office show RR fare, Washington to New York and return (Week-end rate) \$10.20  
Round trip parlor car seat 3.76 15.96  
\$ 6.08

In the absence of a showing of an emergency, transportation by air at a cost in excess of railroad transportation is not allowable. 9 Comp. Gen. 254 and 10 Comp. Gen. 201 is 408."

In view of the above, you are kindly requested to advise this office as to why you did not obtain round-trip ticket as required by Paragraph 16 of the Standardized Government Travel Regulations. In the event that satisfactory explanation cannot be made, you are requested to refund the difference of \$6.08 by check or money order payable to the order of "Treasurer of the United States and forward the same direct to this office.

Very truly yours,

*J. W. Gardner*  
J. W. Gardner,  
General Agent and Chief Clerk.

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Callahan J. McCarthy  
80 Broad Street  
Elizabeth, N. J.

December 14, 1934.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I wish to thank you for your communication of December 12 and, also, for the copy of your illuminating address delivered at the Attorney-General's conference on crime in Washington on December 11.

Your reference to a national training school for law-enforcement officers meets with the approval of every red-blooded American who desires to see the police force divorced from politics.

My observations of many years lead me to believe that the only way to solve the problem is to have all police orders emanate from the national capital, with all the states and territories coordinated into one police unit and each state cooperating with the others. This would redound to the advantage of the whole United States.

It is only natural that when the local politician is appealed to he exerts his influence in order to maintain his good graces with the voters. If the orders were issued from Washington it would relieve him of this self-imposed duty and the communities would benefit, crime would decrease, and the glorified gangster who appears too often on the front page of our metropolitan newspapers would soon be back in the obituary column where he belongs. Instead of having a cooper casket and a floral parade with a morbid, curious audience, he would receive the same American funeral that we all receive when we answer the last roll call.

You are doing good missionary work, for which you will receive the proper credit in the not far distant future. You have laid a solid foundation, and it will not require many years for the American public to appreciate the efforts, vision, and foresight of John Edgar Hoover in exterminating America's criminals.

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This month's issue of the Fraternal Order of Police Journal, which is published in Pittsburgh, Pa., and which, I think, you receive a copy of each month, will contain a picture of the Elizabeth Police Laboratory on their trip to you November 17. Your assistants, Messrs. Edwards, Coffey, and Schilder, are in the photograph, and I sent it along to Pittsburgh, together with some copy.

When he received it, the editor wrote back and asked me where our good friend, John Edgar Hoover, was and why he was not in the picture. He thought that we had slighted you and failed to extend to you an invitation to be photographed in front of the Department of Justice Building. I explained to him that you had been very busy that morning and more urgent business had required your immediate attention, but we hoped that we would secure a picture of you with the Elizabeth Police Laboratory in the not far distant future. This explanation satisfied the editor, and in his reply he stated that as long as we did not slight you or fail to invite you to have your picture taken, he felt that we had done our duty.

I would appreciate receiving all your circulars and bulletins which you mail out frequently, along with the fingerprint copies or picture of our undesirables.

Again thanking you for your courtesy in sending me your article on "Detection and Apprehension," I am,

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Callahan J. McCarthy.

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GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK ARIZONA  
El Tovar Fred Harvey

December 10, 1934

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I just returned to my desk yesterday and this morning I have your most courteous note of December 5th referring to the cordial and very instructive reception accorded to me and the many National Park Representatives by yourself and staff. It was my intention to write you a note to express my thanks for your kindness in receiving us and for the instructive showing of your operation by your excellent assistants.

I have already had occasion to mention a number of times the fine work your Department is doing and, particularly the efficiency displayed and indicated in each department. I will also take the liberty of mentioning the unusual fine impression created by your personality; I say unusual because several of us remarked about it. Please pardon me, but you truly radiated confidence and ability.

I was very sorry to leave Washington before Mr. Keenan returned as I had left him here and was looking forward to a visit with him in Washington. I hope some day to have the pleasure of showing you a bit of the Grand Canyon and in a small measure to reciprocate your kindness.

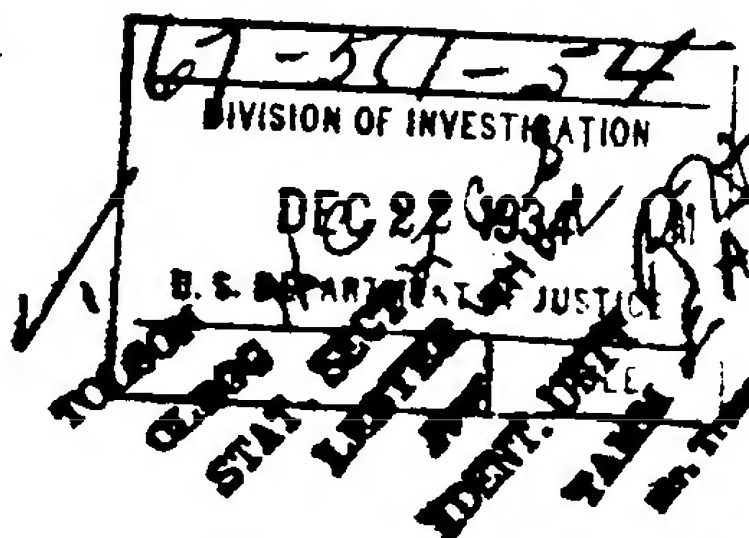
Sincerely yours,

VICTOR PATROSSO,  
Manager

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"Dear Hoover:

You are winning  
"golden opinions" - Congratulations!

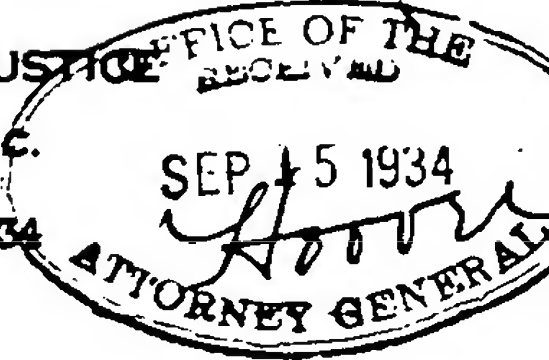
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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

September 14, 1934



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Mr. Schilder	.....
Mr. Tamm	.....

MEMORANDUM TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Dear Mr. Cummings:

I have just written Mr. Hoover a letter, of which the attached is a copy.

I am calling this to your attention as I think it due Mr. Hoover that you should know how ably he has assisted me in this matter, which, as you know, had its inception during your absence.

Very truly yours,

*Harold M. Stephens*  
HAROLD M. STEPHENS  
Assistant Attorney General

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Dear Hoover;

You are ~~really~~ winning  
"Golden opinions" - Congratulations!

H.S.C.

September 14, 1934  
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My dear Mr. Hoover:

Please permit me to compliment you and your assistants upon the promptness and dependability of the reports concerning the New Orleans situation.

Each day since this matter was called to the attention of the Department you have kept me fully and efficiently informed so that, if necessary, I could advise with respect to it on short notice.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Division of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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DIRECTOR J. EDGAR HOOVER OF THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION WAS MADE A COMMANDER OF THE ORDER OF THE CROWN OF ROUMANIA IN A CEREMONY TODAY AT THE ROUMANIAN LEGATION.

THE DECORATION WAS CONFERRED BY THE ROUMANIAN MINISTER IN BEHALF OF KING CAROL IN RECOGNITION OF HOOVER'S WORK IN THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF POLICE CHIEFS. HOOVER, IN ACTIVE CHARGE OF FEDERAL AGENTS CARRYING ON THE GOVERNMENT'S CAMPAIGN AGAINST CRIME, LONG HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN FOSTERING INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN TRACKING DOWN CRIMINALS.

THE DECORATION WILL BE HELD FOR HOOVER BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT UNTIL HE RETIRES FROM GOVERNMENT SERVICE.

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May 25, 1934

Mr. T. T. Keliber,  
Chief Special Agent,  
Illinois Central Railway System,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Keliber:

I heard with sincere gratification the reading of your resolution introduced before the Protective Section of the American Railway Association meeting, expressing appreciation for the cooperation which it has been the privilege of representatives of the Division to extend to members of your organization. I desire to thank you for the friendly sentiments contained in your resolution and to assure you of my desire to continue our cordial relationships to our mutual advantage.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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WHEREAS, the Protective Section of the American Railway Association is deeply indebted to the United States Department of Justice for its splendid work and cooperation during the past years, and,

WHEREAS, this occasion presents a suitable opportunity for expressing the esteem in which we hold the Honorable Attorney-General, Homer S. Cummings, and the Director of the Division of Investigation of the United States Department of Justice, Honorable J. Edgar Hoover.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the members of the Protective Section of the American Railway Association in meeting assembled at Washington, D. C., this 22nd day of May, 1934, express our deep appreciation and thanks to them, the supervisors and the attaches of their departments throughout the country for their unfailing courtesy, tact, fairness, and ability in the discharge of their official duties, which have done much to aid this Association in the successful results of the prosecution of persons violating the Federal Laws affecting the railroads and the traveling public, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of this meeting be requested to transmit to the Honorable Attorney-General and to the Director of the Division of Investigation of the United States Department of Justice, the preamble and resolution adopted on this occasion.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Washington, D.C.

December 27, 1933.

MEMORANDUM TO MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER

I thought you might be interested in the inclosed  
letter and my answer thereto.

/s/ William Stanley

William Stanley,  
The Assistant to the Attorney General.

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Mr. Cren J. Thornton,  
807 J Street,  
Sacramento, Cal.

Dear Sir:

The Attorney General has requested me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 5 in reference to Mr. J. Edgar Hoover.

This Department is not only satisfied, but extremely pleased with the administration of the Bureau of Investigation by Mr. Hoover.

Very truly yours,

William Stanley,

The Assistant to the Attorney General.

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807 J Street,  
Sacramento, California,  
December 5, 1933.

The Attorney General,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

If you really want to learn some of the reasons why John Edgar Hoover should not occupy the position of Director of the Division of Investigation the only steps that need be taken will be to send a capable, unbiased and unafraid investigator to the offices of the U. S. Attorneys in the various judicial districts of the country, contact the heads of the Police Departments in the principal large cities and the Sheriffs in the counties in the populous centers and ask why:

- 1- Despite the favorable newspaper publicity, magazine and radio propaganda that has been forced upon the American public during the past few months, the Division of Investigation and all who have any connection therewith, are the laughing stock of every police and crime detecting agency in the country.
  - 2- Why the much boasted of "cooperation" of police officials, sheriffs and other officers interested in the detection and prosecution of crime does not, in reality, exist.
  - 3- Why an organization which, up to the time John Edgar Hoover became the directing head, functioned effectively as an investigative agency, now is nothing more than a very efficient political machine, subordinating its real purpose to that of furthering the political aims of John Edgar Hoover and keeping him in the position he is so thoroughly disqualified to fill.
  - 4- Why no trace remains of that morale, among the employees who have been in the service longer than three years, which is so essential to the success of any organization which employs any considerable number of persons.
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- 5- Why fear only actuates every move made by the present employees; all sense of loyalty, voluntary cooperation, love of the work and respect for the superior officers, having been absolutely destroyed by the administrative policies outlined and put into effect by J. E. Hoover.
  - 6- Why the name "John Edgar Hoover" and the names of a majority (fortunately not all) of his administrative assistants, special agents in charge and others in authority, are always preceded by, "the dirty so-and-so" when they are mentioned by any employees who have been in the service long enough to have discovered what an inefficient and unpopular organization they represent.

- 7- Why a personnel "turn-over" which, if equalled in any private organization not having the resources of the U. S. Treasury behind it, would wreck the employing company, is necessary.
- 8- Why has it been necessary for the Bureau to lose the many thousands of dollars worth of experience, training and ability which it has lost in the last three years due to the forced resignations of many capable and outstanding agents; these resignations following a studied plan to harass, intimidate and annoy; said plan having been initiated by J. E. Hoover and carried out by his subordinates.
- 9- Why all semblance of "humanness" has been eliminated from the Special agents in charge in most of the Bureau offices: these men, normally splendid fellows, having been so thoroughly brow-beaten, cowed and bound up in assinine rules, regulations and red-tape that they dare not follow their own judgments in deciding any matter but must first look in the manual and see what John Edgar Hoover would do in a like situation. This might not be so bad if John Edgar Hoover knew the right answer but, in many instances he does not.
- 10- Why are thousands of dollars of the Government's money expended unnecessarily because of J. E. Hoover's policy of keeping many agents constantly in a travel status, with the result that many of them always have pending cases in widely separated sections of the country, requiring frequent travel for grand jury and trial attendance and necessitating huge expenditures for unnecessary travel expenses.

This probably only duplicates information already in your possession; if so, is it not about time the tax payers who pay the salaries of John Edgar Hoover, et al, be given a "NEW DEAL" and that said salaries be transferred to others who will come nearer to returning value for the pay checks they receive?

You may wonder at my interest in the matter. It is because of my great regard for a cousin of mine, formerly a special agent who, after devoting 11 years of his life to the service of the Bureau of Investigation, was forced out by the tactics described and left, a broken man physically and disheartened and discouraged mentally.

Yours very respectfully,

Oren J. Thornton.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
OFFICE OF  
DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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May 16, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

MR. NATHAN  
TOLSON  
MR. CLEGG  
MR. COWLEY  
MR. EDWARDS  
MR. EGAN  
MR. QUINN  
MR. LESTER  
CHIEF CLERK  
MR. RORER

I received a telephone inquiry from the Frederic J. Haskin Information Service this afternoon as to whether you were a member of the Republican or Democratic party. I told the individual making the inquiry that you are a native of Washington and have lived in Washington all of your life and I felt quite certain you had never been affiliated with any political organization.

Respectfully,

Clyde Tolson.

*I have never participated  
in any political activity &  
have no such affiliations.*

*J. E. H.*

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

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To: ☐ Director  
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☐ Mr. Clegg  
☐ Mr. Lester  
☐ Miss Gandy  
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March 1, 1934.

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1 Hon. William P. Connery, Jr.,  
House of Representatives,  
Washington, D. C.

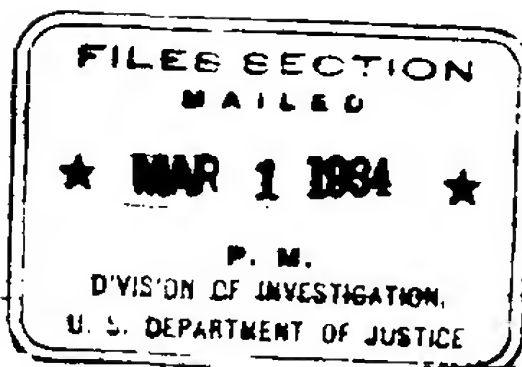
My dear Congressman:-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated February 27th, with which you enclosed a letter addressed to you by Mr. Dorsey W. Hyde, Jr., Secretary of the Washington Chamber of Commerce, concerning your nomination of Mr. Hoover to receive the Achievement Medal of The United States Flag Association.

I am most appreciative of your courtesy in forwarding this communication to me and I have taken the liberty of showing it to Mr. Hoover.

With best personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



Clyde Tolson,  
Assistant Director.

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Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
COMMITTEE ON LABOR  
Washington, D.C.

February 27, 1934.

Mr. Clyde A. Tolson, Asst. Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Tolson,

I am enclosing a letter which I received  
from Dorsey W. Hyde, Jr., in reply to our letter  
concerning Honorable J. Edgar Hoover.

With all personal good wishes,

Cordially,

*William P. Connery, Jr.*  
William P. Connery, Jr.

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Since the 800,000 Americans of the District can pay National Taxes, obey National Laws, to war in the Nation's defense, they are entitled to the same American principles to be represented as American citizens, and which sends them to war. The inhabitants of the District should not be the only Americans in the Republic denied the rights and privileges of American citizenship. Will you help? Write us and we will tell you how.

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February 17, 1934.

Honorable William P. Connery, Jr.,  
House Office Building,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Representative Connery:

This is to acknowledge your courteous letter of February 15th in reference to the Achievement Medal to be awarded by the United States Flag Association.

I will be delighted to present your nomination of the Honorable J. Edgar Hoover to the Award Committee when Mr. Noel calls the meeting to act upon this question.

Sincerely yours,

*Dorsey W. Hyde*

Secretary.

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Office of  
Lester Massingham  
SHERIFF of BUTLER COUNTY  
Poplar Bluff, Mo.

January 31, 1934.

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,  
U. S. Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find copy of the resolutions passed  
at the second annual meeting of the Midwest Peace Officers'  
Association.

I also wish, at this time, to thank you personally  
for sending a representative of your Department to meet with  
us. Mr. Yearsley's talk was highly enjoyed by all present.

Mr. Roy Presnell, Sheriff of St. Francois County,  
Farmington, Missouri, was elected President for the coming  
year and the next meeting of this association will be held  
in Farmington, the date not yet determined.

Again thanking you for the many courtesies extended  
by your Department in the past, I remain,

Respectfully yours,

(Signed) Lester Massingham  
Sheriff.

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This organization expresses in the highest terms of appreciation the services rendered peace officers by J. Edgar Hoover, Superintendent of the U. S. Bureau of Investigation at Washington, D. C., in furnishing at all times information and suggestions in the detection of criminals. \*\*\*

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IOWA STATE SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION  
523 Flynn Building  
Des Moines, Iowa.

Dec. 26th, 1933

Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt,  
President - United States,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear President:

At the 9th Annual school of instruction of the Iowa State Sheriffs' Association, held in Des Moines, Iowa on December 13th, 14th and 15th, 1933, a resolution was passed commending the work of J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Division of Investigation of the United States Department of Justice.

I am pleased to enclose herewith a copy of this said resolution. With kindest of wishes for the New Year, I am

Yours very truly

(S) R. W. Webergall

R. W. Webergall

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